

February 8, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Councilwoman Peggy Neely, City of Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR  
THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 - Noon (Please note meeting day is on Tuesday due to Presidents' Day Holiday)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact me at (602) 262-7445. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
February 16, 2010**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

2. Information and discussion.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

\*3A. Approval of the January 19, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

3A. Review and approval of the January 19, 2010, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

\*3B. On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services Program

MAG presently uses On-Call Services Contracts to supplement staff capabilities with expertise in

3B. Amend the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for \$150,000 to provide for an On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services program.

specialized areas of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Safety, and Transportation Modeling to expedite delivery of key programs in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). As transportation planning demands continue to expand at MAG, a new On-Call Services Contract is sought for general transportation planning applications. The purpose of an On-Call Consultant Services list is for expediting the delivery of consultant services at MAG. For this proposed On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services program, MAG will select qualified consultants to assist staff in the following five service areas: Civil Engineering, Transportation Planning, Transportation Operations, Policy and Finance, and Public Involvement. An amendment is needed to the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$150,000 for an On-Call Transportation Planning Consultant Services program. This item is on the February 10, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3C. Status Update on the June 30, 2009 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

The public accounting firm of LarsonAllen, LLP, has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on January 29, 2010, on the financial statements of governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there was a significant deficiency in

3C. Recommend acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2009.

MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be a material weakness that was corrected prior to the issuance of the statements. There were no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no repeat findings. No new or repeat Management Letter comments were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. This item is on the February 10, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*3D. Alternative/Social Media Policy and Employee User Agreement

During the January 19, 2010, meeting, MAG staff presented possibilities for using social media to supplement current communications and outreach. Social media Web sites like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have the potential to increase public understanding of MAG and assist in the agency's goals and objectives. The Committee asked that staff develop a recommended social media policy based on additional research of current member agency practices, to ensure a secure and successful social media presence. MAG staff has drafted a social media policy and user agreement to begin launch of a social media program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

3D. Recommend approval of the Alternative/Social Media Policy and Employee User Agreement.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

4. Status of the Transit Planning Agreement and Discussion of Potential Legislation

At the January 19, 2010, Executive Committee meeting, staff presented recommendations for consolidation of transit planning roles and responsibilities. Staff indicated that the recommendations would be incorporated into the transit planning agreement (MOU) that was currently under consideration by the working group representing MAG, RPTA, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department (FTA

4. Information, discussion and possible action.

Designated Recipient). At the Executive Committee meeting, the possibility of legislation was discussed and it was noted that this could be brought to the Executive Committee in February for review. Staff noted that bill folders were being opened. Since January, the Working Group has reached consensus on placing the recommendations into the transit agreement. Also since the January Executive Committee meeting, SB 1416 was introduced. This bill aligns current federal transportation law with state statutes. Staff is currently working with the regional agencies and MAG member agencies to ensure that the intent of the legislation to conform with the federal transportation law is reflected appropriately in the proposed legislation. A redraft of the provisions in SB 1416 is underway and will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Development of the FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an early start in developing the Work Program and Budget, this presentation is an overview of MAG's draft proposed new projects for the FY 2011 Work Program. The updated draft budget time line, the invitation for the Budget Webinar presentation on February 25, 2010, at 1:30 P.M. in the MAG Palo Verde Room, and estimated dues and assessments are included with the budget documents. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Update on the Sun Corridor

On December 17, 2009, the Sun Corridor Joint Planning Resolution, which establishes a Joint Planning Council for the Sun Corridor, was signed by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG), and the Pima Association

5. Information and input on the development of the fiscal year (FY) 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

6. Information and discussion.

of Governments (PAG). Since that time, staff has been meeting with members of the CANAMEX Corridor Commission, the Arizona Mexico Commission and individuals representing the Yuma region and the Greater Yuma Port Authority. An update on these activities and scheduling a potential stakeholders meeting of the Joint Planning Council will be provided.

7. 2010 Desert Peaks Awards Update

The Maricopa Association of Governments biennially hosts the Desert Peaks Awards program to recognize regional excellence. The prestigious awards are presented to those agencies and individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting, recognizing, and attaining the ideals of regionalism. Nomination packets have been posted online and entries are currently being accepted. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 12, 2010. The awards ceremony will be held during the MAG annual meeting on June 30, 2010. An update will be provided on potential venue locations and the need for judge recommendations and sponsorships.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

9. Adjournment

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information and discussion.